

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

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Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14 of the Constitution of Texas, I hereby veto House Bill 2269 because of the following objections:

This bill makes certain exceptions to the nepotism laws. The first exception states that if two people are married on the date that one of them is appointed or elected to office and one of them has been continuously employed for two years by one of them, the spouse is considered to have been employed for two years, thus taking them out of the nepotism laws. The second exception provides that if after a person is elected or appointed he marries an individual who holds a position subject to the officer's appointment, the spouse will be treated as having been employed for two years, thus coming under the general exception. These sort of exceptions subvert the intent of the nepotism laws and are not good public policy. Why should an officer who is married after he takes public office be allowed to employ his wife when other officers cannot? I therefore veto House Bill 2269.

Respectfully,

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